

MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Policy Subject: Clean Up of Blood or Other Potentially Infectious Material	
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PURPOSE:

To prevent employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens during a clean-up procedure of blood or other potentially infectious material (OPIM).

POLICY:

To prevent an employee becoming exposed to bloodborne pathogens during the clean-up of a blood or other potentially infectious material (OPIM), it is imperative that the employee take certain precautions.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Put on protective equipment as necessary prior to clean up, including gown, goggles, and non-latex gloves.
- II. Bring the red bucket clean-up equipment to spill area. Contents of red bucket kit include a red plastic bag, ties, tuberculocidal hospital strength disinfectant, plastic scooper and scraper, non-latex gloves, paper towels, and cat litter.
- III. Instructions if using the red bucket kit include:
 - A. Disinfect the spill by pouring hospital strength disinfectant on the spill.
 - B. Contain the spill by either pouring cat litter onto spill or absorbing liquid with paper towels.
 - C. Line the red bucket with red plastic bag. Pick up absorbed spill/cat litter with scoop and scraper and place material into lined red bucket, or pick up saturated paper towels with gloved hands and dispose of paper towels in bucket. Dispose scooper and scraper into red plastic bag.
- IV. With additional paper toweling and tuberculocidal hospital strength disinfectant, further disinfect/clean area where spill was. Dispose of paper toweling into red bucket.

V. Seal red bag with tie provided.

VI. Transport red bucket containing contaminated material to second floor dirty utility room. Remove tied red bag from bucket and dispose of bag into the biohazard container. Clean and disinfect bucket with provided disinfectant.

VII. Remove personal protective equipment and dispose of in biohazard container. Wash hands thoroughly.

VIII. Re-supply red bucket kit with supplies used and return red bucket kit to proper location.

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